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It is asserted that Sir Thomas Esmond is engaged to marry Miss May Brady, daughter of Judge Brady, of New York.

The death is reported of Mr. Stronach, who was the manager of the city of Glasgow bank, which failed a few years ago with losses of more than \$33,000,000. He was sent to jail for a year and a half for falsifying balance sheets, and ever since lived in obscurity, a thoroughly broken man.

It is the exception to-day to find lucrative employment in any branch of business where women have not stepped into ranks and shown ability to hold their own. The insurance business, heretofore held sacred to the opposite sex, has been invaded and some of its richest spoils carried off by pleasant, thrifty lady canvassers.

While Mr. Blaine was playing his star engagement in Europe, an Italian newspaper contained the following: "During President Blaine's European trip, Congressman Cleveland has been in charge of the White House." The Italian editor got things a little mixed, but if he had been inclined to indulge in prophecy he might have added that during Blaine's next European trip Cleveland will also be in charge of the White House.

A Huntington (W. Va.) correspondent of the Courier-Journal positively denies that the recently reported affray between the Hatfields and McCoys ever occurred. He says that a sheriff's posse of Pike county fired upon some West Virginia detectives three weeks ago, inflicting but little injury, since which time there has been no resumption of hostilities. Several of the Hatfields were in Logan court house last Monday, receiving money for mineral rights sold by them to Eastern capitalists. They say they intend to remain at home, obey the law, and will not disturb any one unless they are attacked. This is the West Virginia version of the story.

The fact is now recalled that Mrs. Sheridan, widow of the General, has Cherokee blood in her veins. Her father, Gen. Rucker, then Lieut. Rucker, while stationed at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, married a Miss Coody, whose mother was a daughter of a sister of the Cherokee chief, John Ross, who ruled over the nation for a period of forty years. The establishment of the Cherokee right by blood, which is required of all Cherokees who have severed their connection with the nation beyond a year, would entitle Mrs. Sheridan to one eighteen thousandth undivided share in 14,000,000 acres of land, and a like share in \$3,000,000 of funds held in trust by the United States, on which an annual interest of \$140,000 is paid to the Cherokees.

There is rumor to the effect that Baron von Ledtitz, late secretary of the German Legation, and Miss Caldwell, the younger sister of Miss Mary Gwendolen Caldwell, who gave \$300,000 as the nucleus of a fund for the construction of a Catholic university in Washington, are engaged to be married. The baron has recently been promoted to be minister of Germany in Mexico. He is one of the most popular diplomats ever sent by Germany to this country, and is wealthy. Miss Caldwell is attractive and also wealthy. Her eldest sister had considerable difficulty at one time with tradespeople in Washington because she chose to consult her own pleasure respecting the settlement of her bills, which was considered somewhat singular on the part of the possessor of a large fortune.

A wealthy Russian merchant named Sibirakoff has expended large sums of money in endeavoring to reach the Yenisei river in Siberia by the northern water route. He has always failed, while a British sea captain named Wiggins, has successfully made three trips and has recently started on a fourth. Wiggins states that the Russian's failure is due to the fact that the ships employed by him were not fit for such a voyage and got caught in the ice. The Russian government has shown its appreciation of Capt. Wiggins' enterprise in opening the northern route by granting him special trading privileges for five years. The profits of the trade are said to be enormous. A first-class ship's mast sixty feet high can be bought on the Yenisei for \$5; beef costs there only five cents a pound; a ton of salt worth fifteen shillings at Liverpool is salable at Yenisei for \$75; a ton of wheat can be bought there for \$5, and Capt. Wiggins found a fine quality of black lead so plentiful that he ballasted his ship with it.

The rabbit plague in Australia is only a mild nuisance compared to the scourge of rats in some parts of Mexico, if a recent report is to be trusted. It is claimed that the rodents invade the towns and ranches by countless thousands, and have in a number of instances caused terrible conflagrations by getting into places where matches are kept and firing buildings. Those who have investigated the strange plague say that all attempts at poisoning seem to fail to reduce the numbers. The destruction wrought by them is alarming. In many places people have not slept more than two hours at a time for weeks, but are kept continually battling with rats of enormous sizes. They strike ranches in large bodies and do not leave until they have eaten and destroyed all the grain about the place. In many localities scientific men have been endeavoring to account for the presence of so many agents of destruction and to invent some means for reducing their numbers, but have so far failed.

The English Court of Appeal has decided that relatives of a dead person have no right to place flowers or other tokens on the grave except with the permission of the cemetery authorities.

Slapping and Shooting

Marshall, Texas, Aug. 20.—At about 1:15 p. m. to-day W. T. Slater shot and killed F. E. Gray, his former partner in the jewelry business in this city, the partnership having expired about the 23d of May last. The facts attending the killing are as follows: Gray entered the jewelry store of Slater and after exchanging a few words with Slater slapped him in the face with his left hand twice, spitting in Slater's face at the same time, and threw his right hand either in his right hand pocket or behind him. At this juncture Slater fired on Gray killing him instantly. Gray ran out to the sidewalk, fell and died in about one minute. Slater was immediately arrested and gave bond for his appearance to-morrow morning in the sum of \$500. Slater weighs only 108 pounds and has but one leg. Gray was about six feet two inches high, and weighed 216 pounds. They were both members of the A. O. U. W. Mr. Slater has the sympathy of the community, as he is a peaceable, quiet and law abiding citizen.

Hot on the Trail.

Rawlins, W. T., Aug. 20.—The latest dispatch from the Dana train robbers, is that they are fifteen miles north of Medicine Bow river, having crossed at Cottonwood ford and are heading into Shirley basin and the surrounding timbered mountains. The Rawlins posse are twelve miles behind them and hot on the trail. A courier was sent with this dispatch to Medicine Bow. There are two robbers leading a pack horse. If they get into Shirley basin their capture will be almost impossible. A reward of \$1000 has been offered by the Union Pacific road and the governor for each of the robbers dead or alive. The probabilities are, if they are caught they will be either hung or shot.

WEATHER SIGNS.

INDICATIONS OF CHANGE FURNISHED BY NATURE'S SIGNAL SERVICE.

Animals Who Foresee Weather Changes.
Signs of the Moon—Wind and Sun.
The Field Spider—Crows—What the Clouds Foretell.

Our weather bureau, with its flags and hieroglyphics, is regarded as something new—a progression in a progressive age—and yet it is merely an infringement on a system of signals adopted by nature, as old as the oldest hills. Nature knows our needs and she knows we must be warned of weather changes, hence her warnings.

What are these signals? Where are they displayed? Everywhere, animals, birds and insects can read them. Seamen and country folk understand them. Some time ago a statement concerning some ants was published in the papers. It seems myriads of these insects inhabited a section of low bottom land. One day—a particularly bright day—they were noticed leaving their dwellings for the high grounds. In immense masses the exodus continued until apparently the last ant had moved. Then came a few clouds, then a great pall of ashen vapor, and a terrific rainstorm completely inundated the bottom where the ants had their homes. A gentleman related to me a very similar incident. He was in Arkansas, and in his neighborhood was a stretch of rather depressed country that, by reason of its rank vegetation, was a favorite hunting ground. It abounded with game. Suddenly the creatures vanished. The deer, the cougar and the catamount could only be found in the highlands. A few days after this vagary was noted came a violent storm. A river burst its banks and for the first time in many years the region mentioned was completely flooded. Now, how did these creatures foresee these weather changes? By instinct? Yes, instinct enabled them to read the warnings given by nature's signal service. What are these signals? Where can they be seen?

Signs of the Moon.
Everywhere, the moon is sometimes used as a storm flag. Go out some night and gaze at the clear heavens in which every star sparkles like a diamond. Around the moon is a curious misty halo. One might almost compare her to the pallid face of a fair saint encircled with an aureole of glory. It is an unfailing admonition that bad weather is near at hand. For a long time man has been prone to credit the moon with weather wisdom, in some cases without any good reason, I fear.

The wind is a rusty prophet. If a steady, piercing northeaster is sending the rain plucking against your windows, mark when it changes. If it veers from east to northwest and clears the clouds away, nature's storm signal is still hoisted. If, however, it gives to the northwest via the south, you can fold up your umbrellas. In the first case the clear weather will be temporary. In the second the stormy elements are completely exhausted. The sun takes a hand in weather prediction. If he lifts his face above the eastern horizon, takes a peep at the world and then creeps behind a veil of clouds—like a young life made sombre by great grief before it could reach meridian—then foul weather is at hand. Your trusty old chimney, that has been staring in open mouthed wonder at the maxims this hundred years is one of nature's signal posts. If the smoke evinces a repugnance to going toward the clouds, but desists to emit it, it would be well to hunt up your goggles.

The Field Spider.
The field spider is a skillful prognosticator. When you see his gossamer web scattered over the grass, looking in the morning sunbeams like some soft work of fairies done with silver threads, you can rest assured the insect foresees no storm in the near future to demolish his fabric. A convention of crows, noisily debating some important subject in a field, in autumn or winter, a sure sign of wind or snow, while the swallows, darting close to the ground instead of circling in mid-air, would shout "It's going to rain" in your ear if they did not think you had sense enough to understand them without. Then the clouds. Anyone can prophesy rain when he sees a cloud, you say. Somehow, however, clouds mean just the reverse. If they rise in masses and then break to pieces, clear weather is coming. If they fly over the zenith in little ink patches, rain will follow. If they shape themselves into wisps, streaks or curls, a change for the worse is at hand. Very black clouds indicate winds. Have you noticed the approach of a thunder storm? First, an array of black, fortifying looking clouds, behind them an expanse of wild looking drab. The first division is the cavalry, rushing, howling and screaming over the land, then comes the infantry, steady, pitiless and slow, pouring torrents of rain on the earth.

These are a few of the most prominent of nature's warnings. There are a host of others, and a little observation will enable you to read them plainly.—J. C. Plummer in Philadelphia Times.

What a Jungle Is.

By the way, we have now been the whole length of India, from Calcutta to Peshawar, and back to Bombay, on the other side of the land, and, except at the foot of the Himalayas, have not seen a single forest, or indeed what we would call a wood. Trees there are everywhere along the roads—along the hedge rows scattered about the fields and plains and dotted over the hills and mountains, but nothing like what the most of us at home have supposed to constitute an Indian jungle. All uncultivated or waste lands are called "jungle." "Out in the jungle" means about the same thing here as with us to say "out on the prairie"—that is, on the uncultivated lands, whether bare or in heavy grass. The "mountain jungles," where the tiger has his home and from which he comes down to carry off people or domestic animals, have no trees other than low scattered bushes and rocks. On these no native thinks of going alone at night or even by day in some of them.—Carter Harrison in Chicago Mail.

The honorary degree of LL. D. will be conferred upon Prince Albert Victor by the University of Cambridge.

The king of Spain is 18 months old, and has a salary of \$1,000,000, with prospect of a raise as soon as the business will warrant it.

W. W. MITCHELL

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Peaches.

Red River, Alexander, Hynes Surprise, Yellow St. John, Chinese Honey, Harris Early, Mountain Rose, Gen. Lee, an improved Chinese Cling, Mrs. Brett, old Chinese Cling, Old Mixon Cling, Princess, Infant Wonder, and Raisin Cling, an improved Indian Blood, and all other varieties called for.

Plums.

Wild Goose, Lone Star, Marianne, (new), Weaver, Golden Beauty.

Japan Plums.

Prunus Simonii, Ogon Botan, Kelsey's Japan and Prunus Pissardi, the latest novelty and the only ornamental plum.

Apricots.

Meyers Early, Eureka, Early Golden, Russian Apricot, Jackson and Moorpark.

Various Fruits.

Almonds, cherries, apples, Siberian and other crabs, figs and mulberries, and in small fruits, quinces, strawberries, raspberries and blackberries; and in garden roots, asparagus, pie plant and horseradish.

Japanese Persimmons.

Among Daidai, Maru, Haichiya, Higake, Katsuke, Hiyakume, Kurokame, Masugata, Mino, Seedless and Zin ji Maru.

Grapes.

Champion, Moore's Early, Early Victor, Goethe, Norton's Virginia, Cynthia Black Spanish, Herbeumont, Concord, Mission, the true El Paso grape, Zinfandel and Niagara, (new.)

Ornamental Trees.

Ash, box elder, American elm, catalpa, diamond willow, Wisconsin weeping willow, Russian mulberry, soft maple (not suitable for Texas), sycamore, umbrella china, Lombardy poplar, hackberry.

Eucalypts.

Chinese arbutus vitae, golden arbutus vitae, pyramidalis arbutus vitae, Irish juniper, mock orange, etc.

Flowering Shrubs.

Altheas of all sorts, crape myrtles, deutzia crenata, double flowering peach and almonds, honeysuckles in all varieties, lilacs, syringas, roses ever blooming, Japan quince, spiraea, amelopsis, wistaria weigella, etc.

Bulbs.

A large line of European bulbs, this year's crop, hyacinths, tulips, crocuses, and lilies in every variety from Bermuda, Japan and the West Indies, will be ready in September and October.

All orders placed with me are filed with the most scrupulous care.

J. H. HURWOOD,

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Great bargains in unrequited pledges at your Uncle Duff Dominau's opposite the McLelland hotel.

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One lot with four-room house, on the corner of Sixteenth and Webster street. Price \$650. Monthly installment, \$16.50.

One lot with three-room house, in East Waco, near Paul Quinn college. Price \$400. Monthly installment, \$12.

One lot with three-room house, on North Sixth street, in rear of J. T. Wilson's place. Price \$300. Monthly installment, \$9.

One lot with three-room house, on River street, East Waco. Price \$250. Monthly installment, \$7.50.

One lot with five-room house, on North Tenth street, near West Ave. Price \$1,000. Monthly installment, \$30.

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One lot with three-room house, on South Sixth street in rear of the old university. Price \$750. Monthly installment, \$22.50.

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CHEAP COLUMN.

FOR RENT—A nice seven-room house, convenient to business; stable and good well water. Rent cheap. Apply to Fred M. Beck.

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WANTED—A work horse for his feed. Apply to G. W. Hewitt, North 10th street or C. N. Curtis.

FOR RENT—House of five rooms corner 14th and Jefferson streets. Good cistern. Apply to W. D. Lacy.

FOR SALE—One book case, 1 step ladder, 4 tables, 1 four horse engine, four heating stoves and pipe, 3 desks, bowl and pitcher, wash stands, half dozen chairs, Cellophane typewriter, office railing and counter, patent letter files, 1 Hall safe, 1 store counter, 20,000 old papers and a large amount of other second-hand furniture. J. S. E. ELGIN.

TO RENT—The entire upper-story of my new building 402 Austin Avenue. E. W. Mitchell, Jeweler.

LOST—A postoffice key. Finder will please return to the News office.

COWS FOR RENT—I have good milk cows for rent at the low price of one dollar per month. Geo. Lamdin.

FOR RENT—House of seven rooms on Franklin and Ninth streets. Apply to C. N. Curtis.

WANTED—A few Regular Boarders at 927 Austin street. Cool, pleasant and convenient location. Mrs. O. L. WILEY.

\$10, \$5, \$2.50 in Gold for the greatest number of words made from "Times Democrat." Send address on stamped envelope. Z. M. Anderson, Lock Box 2291, New Orleans, La.

EVENING NEWS Office 5 1/2 Austin Ave., corner 5th street, over Goldstein & Migel's.

FOUND—Two Patent Lock Keys, on 5th st. between Austin and Franklin. Owner can get same by calling at this office, describe property, and pay for this notice.

FOR RENT—Handsome furnished rooms; five screened windows Southern exposure; Opposite New Lehman. No. 623, Austin Ave.

H. Jacobs the Austin avenue tailor has just received a magnificent line of new goods for the fall trade, of latest styles and all the novelties. If you want a nobby suit of latest and best fit call at "Hence."

The Waco Laundry has established a branch at R. N. Palmers Feed store corner Eighth and Franklin street.